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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 269

**Introduced by Assembly Member Eng
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Dymally)**

February 5, 2007

An act to add Section 1715.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 269, as amended, Eng. Dentists: dental auxiliaries: licensure renewal.

The Dental Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of dentists and dental auxiliaries by the Dental Board of California. The act requires each licensee to apply to the board for license renewal.

This bill would require a licensee, *as specified*, to report, upon his or her initial licensure and any application for license renewal, information regarding his or her specialty board certification and practice status and would authorize this information to be posted on the board's Internet Web site. The bill would authorize a licensee, *including a dental auxiliary licensee*, to report cultural background and foreign language proficiency to the board in his or her licensure renewal application and would require that this information be compiled and reported on the board's Internet Web site on or before July 1 of each year. The bill would require the board to take certain actions to phase in this reporting mechanism by January 1, 2009.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to determine
2 the number of dentists and licensed or registered dental auxiliaries
3 with cultural and linguistic competency who are practicing dentistry
4 in California.

5 (b) Collecting data on dentists and dental auxiliaries serving
6 any given area allows for the consistent determination of the areas
7 of California that are underserved by dentists and dental auxiliaries
8 with cultural or linguistic competency.

9 SEC. 2. Section 1715.5 is added to the Business and Professions
10 Code, to read:

11 1715.5. (a) A licensee shall, upon his or her initial licensure
12 and any subsequent application for renewal, report the completion
13 of any advanced educational program accredited by the Committee
14 on Dental Accreditation in a dental specialty recognized by the
15 American Dental Association.

16 (b) The licensee shall also report to the board, upon his or her
17 initial licensure and any subsequent application for renewal, the
18 practice or employment status of the licensee, designated as one
19 of the following:

20 (1) Full-time practice or employment in a dental practice of 32
21 hours per week or more in California. *This reporting requirement*
22 *shall also apply to a dental auxiliary licensee.*

23 (2) Full-time practice or employment in a dental practice outside
24 of California.

25 (3) Part-time practice or employment in a dental practice for
26 less than 32 hours per week in California.

27 (4) Dental administrative employment that does not include
28 direct patient care, as may further be defined by the board.

29 (5) Retired.

30 (6) Other practice or employment status, as may be further
31 defined by the board.

32 (c) Information collected pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be
33 posted on the board's Internet Web site.

34 (d) (1) A licensee, *including a dental auxiliary licensee*, may
35 report to the board, in his or her application for renewal, and the

1 board shall collect, information regarding the licensee's cultural
2 background and foreign language proficiency. This requirement
3 shall be phased in by January 1, 2009, as provided in paragraph
4 (2).

5 (2) Prior to collecting information beginning on January 1, 2009,
6 pursuant to this subdivision, the board shall, on or before the
7 preceding March 1, prepare the survey questions and prepare for
8 a test run of dental students to ensure the efficiency of the data
9 being collected. On or before the preceding July 1, the board shall
10 advise its licensees that it is collecting this data before commencing
11 collection of data under this subdivision. On or before the
12 preceding October 1, the board shall conduct the test run of dental
13 students and make appropriate changes to the survey questions
14 prior to data collection implementation.

15 (3) Information collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be
16 aggregated on an annual basis, based on categories utilized by the
17 board in the collection of the data, into both statewide totals and
18 ZIP Code of primary practice or employment location totals.

19 (4) Aggregated information under this subdivision shall be
20 compiled annually, and reported on the board's Internet Web site
21 on or before July 1 of each year.